

GUNMEN SHOT FROM MOTOR CAR

Gov. Bryan Is Failure, Says Norris

Governor Too Intensely Partisan in Appointments and Policies to Please Progressives. May Run for State Office

By P. C. POWELL, Washington Correspondent of The Omaha Bee.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Telegrams and letters by the hundreds are pouring into the office of Senator George W. Norris, urging that now, with renewed health and vigor, he remain in public life. The senator's friends and admirers are approaching him from two angles:

One is that he file for the republican nomination for United States senator.

The other is that he file for the republican nomination for governor.

Would Reform Government.

For years the senator has dreamed of a state which would discard its house and senate and supplant those two branches with a compact one-house legislature which would be in session practically the entire year. This plan has been agitated publicly by the senator and it has hundreds of devotees who are urging him to run as governor on a one-house legislative platform.

Meantime, the senator remains a quiet, hard working member of the senate. It is apparent that he again is taking in public questions and beyond doubt he reads Nebraska newspapers more closely than any representative of that state in the capital. Every incident in Nebraska's public life portrayed in the newspapers of that state is caught by the senator's eye and he is not adverse to commenting upon them.

Disappointed in Bryan.

The senator today discussed two of the burning political questions in the Nebraska arena. They are:

The administration of Governor Charles W. Bryan.

The national third party movement.

Governor Bryan was described by the senator as a "disappointment." The senator expressed himself as opposed to the third party.

"The Bryan administration has been bitterly disappointing to me because of the governor's persistent playing of politics in appointment of deserving democrats," the senator said.

"I have read of one resignation after another due to the fact that the man employed by the state was a republican and not a democrat and in not one single instance have I read of the resignation because of any qualifications or lack of efficiency. The removal of a head of a fish hatchery who had served one republican governor after another efficiently and well for no other purpose than to make way for a democrat is a most striking example of the disappointing spoils system in vogue in Nebraska politics at this time."

Discussing Presidential Candidate



Well, it may be that, or the outcome of the next session of congress, or President Coolidge's opening speech on the proposed tax cut that may be the subject of the conversation between Senator Lodge of Massachusetts (on left) and Attorney General Daugherty, snapped thusly in Washington.

Marino Appeals Life Sentence

Dr. John T. Matthews Also Appeals From Conviction in Abortion Case.

Lincoln, Nov. 23.—The state supreme court today heard arguments by attorneys for Jim Marino of Omaha, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of Sam Nantito.

Marino claims that he acted in self-defense, after having suffered persecution extending over many months at the hands of Nantito, and having been told that Nantito had declared that he "would get him." The defendant also claims that a member of the jury that found him guilty was a non-resident of the county. He is serving a life sentence.

Other criminal cases that came before the supreme court today was an appeal against a sentence of execution by Walter Simmons, found guilty of first degree murder by the district court, and an appeal by Dr. John T. Matthews against sentence passed on him after he had been found guilty of "homicide through abortion."

Mathew maintains that the testimony on which he was convicted was that of a dying person and should not be admitted.

The jury found that he had caused the death of Loretta McDermott of Omaha through an abortion performed December 27, 1922.

Unidentified Man Stricken on Road

'Bob Graves' Tattooed on Arm of Paralysis Victim Found Near Pawnee City.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Pawnee City, Neb., Nov. 23.—An unidentified man, smooth shaven, between 50 and 60 years of age, weight about 180 pounds and with slightly gray hair, was found unconscious by the side of the road nine miles north of Pawnee City late Wednesday afternoon by members of the Herman Waterman family. Sheriff Guy Avery took him to the Pawnee hospital.

Doctors believe that he has suffered a stroke of paralysis and hold little hope for his recovery. There is no means of identification except the name "Bob Graves" which is tattooed on his arm. Where the man came from or where he is going is a mystery.

He ate breakfast at the home of Albert Gottula, about two miles south of where he was found.

Three Are Quizzed in "Gland Holdup"

Chicago, Nov. 23.—Three University of Chicago students were to be questioned today by detectives investigating an attack upon Charles Ream, 22, who was abducted by two "gland bandits" and subjected to an operation while chloroformed.

Lieutenant Michael Grady in charge of the investigation, announced that the three students were to be questioned later. The three are Robert Jenkins, student editor of the university newspaper; Russell Carroll, chief student marshal of the college and "Dutch" Lewis.

Grady's decision followed charges by Ream, a taxi cab driver, that he was forced to chew a morsel of candy which was clipped from the newspaper by the two "sissies," most likely medical students.

A. Pryor Paxson, III at Hastings, Improves

"His condition is improved but he is not out of danger yet," was the report last night from the home of A. Pryor Paxson, 2877 Bauman street. Mr. Paxson was stricken with illness suddenly at a hotel in Hastings, Neb., Thursday morning. Mrs. Paxson returned to Omaha yesterday. Mr. Paxson is in a Hastings hospital, with his brother at his side.

Brothers Identify Iowan Killed by I. C. Train

Albert Lea, Minn., Nov. 23.—The brothers of two men, one from St. Louis, Mo., and one from St. Paul, Minn., today identified the body of the man found on the Illinois Central tracks at Glenville, near here, yesterday as that of their brother, Joe Donohue of LeMars, Ia., real estate man and cattle buyer.

"Small Town Stuff" Is Plan of Producer at Empress Theater

What is wrong with audiences in the theaters of Omaha? Or, is Omaha just an overgrown country town that falls to appreciate clever plays in its theaters produced by a cast of experienced actors?

So thinks Wilfred Ledoux, former manager of the Empress theater. And, upon his advice, Palmer Hester, producer of plays for the Empress, Brothers Players, who promised several weeks ago to present good plays, many of which were Broadway successes, has changed the policy and from now on will present nothing but farce-comedies, all about the bedroom and "underthings" such as "Getting Gerlie's Garter," "She Walked in Her Sleep," "Night's Night," "Fanny, Bedouin and Bath," and "Up in Mabel's Room."

It is admitted that these plays have had popular appeal but they are hardly edifying even in their titles. And Omaha is to suffer just because it isn't considered large enough to have a broad viewpoint, to catch allusions to New York topics and wise cracks made upon the stage at the Empress, the audience only responds to jokes that are so evident that you couldn't miss them, it is said. Good plays have been found to be a failure, when produced in that theater, says Ledoux, and according to reception of his work done the first week or two here, Producer Hester agrees with Ledoux.

Therefore, Omahans are to be given what is usually presented on road tours to small towns in this locality.

Prof. Filley Did Not Mention Aaron Sapiro

Prof. H. C. Filley of the college of agriculture of the University of Nebraska, who spoke in cooperation before the recent convention of the Nebraska Farmers Co-operative Grain and Livestock association, did not refer to Aaron Sapiro by name in his speech. C. Vincent of the Omaha Grain Exchange said last night that although Mr. Filley did not name Sapiro, it was understood by those who heard him that it was Sapiro who was meant. Through an error, The Omaha Bee mentioned Mr. Sapiro's name.

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The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

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Tijuana Is Destroyed by Flames

Fire Starting in Cafe of Mexican Pleasure City Spreads When Fanned by Stiff Wind.

Race Track Left Intact

San Diego, Nov. 23.—The entire town of Tijuana, Mex., just across the border from this city, was virtually wiped out by fire late today, according to word received here.

Hurried calls have been sent for ambulances from San Diego. Early reports mentioned no loss of life.

The fire is said to have started in one of the cafes which line the main street. Fanned by a high north wind, the flames spread to adjoining cafes, and according to the last word here had destroyed virtually every building on the main street.

The racetrack owned by the Tijuana Jockey club was said to be in any imminent danger.

Hurried calls for fighting equipment were sent to Chula Vista, a suburb of this city, but the department there was unable to respond and another call was sent to San Diego.

Scores of families fled toward the international boundary fearing that their homes would be destroyed.

Iowa Offers Reward for Slayers Capture

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 23.—The state of Iowa today offered a reward of \$300 for the capture of John Ruba, who is being sought in South Dakota for the slaying of Harold Oakes at Sioux City. Rewards of \$100 have been posted by Woodbury county and L. G. Dorale, on whose farm Oakes was killed.

Mrs. Frank Mores Funeral Is Held

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Mores, settler of Wilber, Neb., was held Monday at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Mores is survived by her husband and six children: Mrs. Tillie Broz, Edward P. Mores, Charles Mores and Frank I. Mores, all of Wilber; Mrs. Lou Wandra, Havelock, Neb., and Dr. Joseph J. Mores, Omaha.

Hall Sends Road Claims for \$469,000 to Marsh

Lincoln, Nov. 23.—Road contractors' claims amounting to \$469,000, that were returned to the finance department Wednesday by State Auditor Marsh for approval, were returned today unapproved.

In a letter that accompanied the claims, Secretary Hall of the department claims that they are "deficiency vouchers" and that he is returning them for the protection of the contractors, as provided by the statutes, which declare that it is incumbent on a contractor of the state to file his claims with the state auditor within two years after its accrual.

Asked what he intended to do with the claims Auditor Marsh said:

"It looks like cheap political claptrap for departments to be bantying back and forth and this department feels that it is too small a matter to take cognizance of."

However, these claims should either be approved or disapproved by the finance department or else returned to the contractors who may file them with the auditor's office as provided by law."

The auditor again denied that they were "deficiency claims" and reiterated his statement that accompanied the claims when they were first returned to the finance department that "there are funds from the federal government that will meet these claims."

Free Trip to Chicago Won by Ohiawa School Girl

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 23.—A free trip to Chicago was won by Miss Faye Burt of Ohiawa for work in the department of canning and home economics carried on by the boys' and girls' clubs of this county. Miss Burt, who is a junior in the high school at Ohiawa, will attend the club congress and International Livestock exposition at Chicago, the week beginning December 2.

Out of 153 boys and girls enrolled in the clubs of the extension service this year, 122 completed the projects prescribed last year.

Work Is Provided for Fillmore County Prisoners

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 23.—Ninety days in jail at hard labor was the sentence given James Havel of Millard, who was convicted in county court for selling liquor. He appealed to district court. This is Havel's second offense.

Because of a large number of prisoners, due to violations of the prohibition amendment, the board of supervisors of Fillmore county recently designated the jail and the work shop of the highway engineer as a work house, where prisoners may be made to labor when sentenced. One prisoner has been helping in the road work recently, under direction of the county engineer.

Girl Held for Robbery

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 23.—Grace Reese, alias Grace Sellers, wanted in Lincoln on a charge of alleged robbery, was picked up by Sheriff Sam Parr here today and is being held pending arrival of officers from the capital city.

Farmer Dies at Work

Albion, Neb., Nov. 23.—George Holton, a farmer living north of town, was found lying unconscious in his yard about noon Wednesday. A doctor was summoned but did not arrive until after the man's death. Apoplexy was the supposed cause.

Bladen Man Drives Blazing Automobile From Garage

Bladen, Neb., Nov. 23.—An automobile belonging to Glen Denton caught fire in the Iversen garage. Mr. Iversen drove it into the street where the fire was extinguished.

Berlin's Chief of Police Hardest-Worked Man



Herr Richter, president of the Berlin police force, is said to be the hardest-worked man in German. His clever handling of the difficult situation that has arisen there lately have won him great praise.

Government in Germany Quits as Vote Fails

Reichstag Refuses to Sustain Chancellor and Cabinet in Confidence Measure, 230 to 155.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—The Stresemann government's administration came to an end this evening when the chancellor and his cabinet resigned following the refusal of the reichstag to pass a vote of confidence.

The expected vote on the resolutions of lack of confidence was side-tracked by the demand of Stresemann for a re-endorsement of his government. The vote was 230 nays and 155 yeas, with seven not voting, on a resolution of confidence.

For three days the reichstag has been in riotous session. President Loeb was forced to adjourn the session Wednesday on account of the disturbance caused by communist deputies.

When the session opened Thursday the government had arranged for a large police guard who kept the communist deputy Remmel from entering the hall. He was the leader in the trouble of the previous day. During the session Thursday Chancellor Stresemann defended his administration in a two-hour speech which was followed by an address by Finance Minister Dr. Hans Luther.

It was evident from the debate which followed the government addresses that the fate of the cabinet was sealed.

Rails' Side in Rate War Is Denied

Kansas Utilities Head Says Farmers Suffer From High Freight Charges on Products.

Hearing Is Adjourned

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Nov. 23.—The middle-western grain rate hearing here before John J. Esch and Johnston B. Campbell, interstate commerce commissioners, closed dramatically today when Clyde M. Merrick, chairman of the Kansas public commission, took the stand, uninvited, to deny testimony of railroad witnesses regarding agricultural conditions. The hearing will resume in Minneapolis Monday.

Farmers are not getting all out of the soil they could, in the opinion of R. G. Merrick, general freight agent of the Santa Fe lines west of the Missouri river, who testified today at the rate hearing.

"Well, then," reflected Commissioner Campbell, "in view of all the handicaps you have mentioned, I wonder if that isn't the reason why we should examine very carefully to see if agriculture should not be given more consideration than other lines of industry."

Hard to Beat Nature.

"The farmer could overcome those handicaps if he would," retorted Mr. Merrick.

"That is easier said than done," Mr. Campbell commented. "The farmer has the chinch bug, grasshoppers, rust and other hazards. Don't you think that indicates he has many things to contend with that coal, lumber and other lines do not have?"

At that point, T. J. Norton, Santa Fe attorney, declared that fruit growers in the northwestern wheat belt are being ruined by the high freight rates on fruit and hay, and that they won't allow a fly to alight on a tree.

"Yes," the commissioner granted, "but the fruit growers of the east haven't succeeded in eliminating insects."

The railroad attorneys, who are contesting the plea of eight states for lower grain and hay rates, turned their searchlight on threatening costs.

Losses Are Cited.

Mr. Merrick previously had quoted figures of the Southwestern Wheat Improvement association purporting to show that Kansas farmers, because of natural handicaps, had lost 102,000,000 bushels of wheat or about a year's average crop, last year.

The losses, Mr. Merrick enumerated, were 21,000,000 bushels from using poor seed, 30,000,000 from depleted soil fertility, 28,000,000 from poor seed bed preparation, 9,000,000 from insects and 4,000,000 from plant diseases.

Questioned regarding threshing costs, Mr. Merrick said charges ranged from 10 to 14 cents a bushel, while the average freight rate in Kansas was about 11 cents a bushel.

On cross-examination by Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas commission, Mr. Merrick admitted the yield had something to do with threshing charges.

Victim of Gangsters Is Kidnaped; Bootleg War Theory Given by Police

Lone Woman Answers Cries for Help but Is Held Off by Guns of Trio of Gunmen—Male Bystanders Refuse to Interfere—Shotgun Squads of Police Are Scouring City in Search of Death Car.

Leo Brunson Believed to Be Target of Gunmen

Three gunmen in a high-powered automobile sped north on the Eighth street boulevard at 3:25 yesterday afternoon.

With a groan of protesting brakes, the car came to a stop in front of 1121 North Eighteenth street.

A revolver barked and a pedestrian was seen to crumple and fall to the sidewalk. Two members of the automobile party, jumped from the car and struggled with their victim, who was placed in the machine.

Cries for help from bystanders failed to bring sufficient aid to prevent his being kidnaped.

Woman Attempts Rescue.

While several men stood around without attempting to extend aid, it remained for a lone woman, Mrs. W. Finn, 1128 North Eighteenth street, to rush to the man's assistance. Struggling with the arm of one of the gunmen, Mrs. Finn joined in the cries for help.

A revolver jammed against her body and a warning that she herself would be shot unless she desisted forced her back from the fray.

The body then was loaded into the machine which sped north.

The identity of the gunmen's victim has not been learned but police are of the opinion that it is Leo Brunson, 4308 Grant street. Mrs. Brunson left her home about 5 in the afternoon in the family car and her whereabouts have not been learned.

Have Two Clues.

A pool of blood and a light brown cap, believed to belong to one of the gunmen, are the only clues left for police.

Mystery surrounds the shooting.

War among bootleggers is the police theory.

At the same time, a brother of the supposed gangsters' victim, was found dead in his taxi on a downtown street corner several months ago, and this offer may be a connecting link with his death.

Brunson has a criminal record: He pleaded guilty in federal court to transporting liquor and was fined \$500 recently.

Burned Record Introduced in Goucher Trial

Omaha Salesman Charged With Abetting in Forgery of Warrants by Former Lincoln Co. Clerk.

By Associated Press.

North Platte, Neb., Nov. 23.—The burned records of the Lincoln county courthouse, destroyed by first last county officials are under indictment for arson, were part of the exhibits identified by Theodore Lowe, county clerk, the first witness called in the trial of Carl R. Goucher of Omaha, who is being tried here on charges of aiding and abetting former County Clerk Arthur S. Allen in forging warrants. Records referred to were claims warrants, routine of county commissioners' and county clerk's offices.

It was disclosed that part of the records, as they concern the Omaha Printing company, are missing, and, while it was not permitted to be part of the record of the Goucher case, it was stated that they were burned or stolen the night of the fire. Goucher was salesman for the Omaha Printing company. Mr. Lowe testified, disappeared at the time of the fire, Lowe took the witness stand shortly before 2:30 p. m. and had just completed direct examination when court adjourned for the night.

Opening Statements Made.

An important phase of today's session was the opening statement of attorneys to the jury, which was completed at noon.

Special Prosecutor George Gibbs reviewed the case, repeating much of the information made public at the time the indictments were returned by the grand jury. Homer Sullivan, attorney for Goucher, declared that the defense would show that the Omaha salesman had a right to cash the company warrants, and that Allen could not have had any interest in the forged warrants when he is alleged to have caused the issuance of warrants totaling approximately \$2,300 to the Omaha Printing company to cover shortages Goucher claimed to have incurred by failing to account for money he collected.

Attorney Sullivan declared that it would be proven that troubles of Goucher could be laid to the doors of competitive printing and office supply companies.

Company Behind Goucher.

Officials of the Omaha Printing company are standing behind Goucher and are here to testify in his defense, Attorney Sullivan declared. Goucher is being tried now on indictments charging that he influenced Allen to issue fictitious warrants for \$345. Other indictments charge that he caused former county officials to issue warrants for a total of approximately \$2,300.

Special Prosecutor Gibbs quoted from what he declared was a confession by Allen implicating Goucher. Goucher, he said, came to Allen last November and said: "Art, I have never made up that money and the company is pressing for a settlement. Can't you do something for me?" Goucher, according to Allen's confession quoted by the attorney, suggested that Allen issue county warrants for the amount he was short with the company and that he would raise the money and settle with Samuel Souder, county treasurer at the time when the warrants were returned for payment. Such warrants were issued, the state claims, but though negligence, were not properly identified to the county clerk's office and were returned to the Omaha Printing company with an inquiry as to what items they covered. Allen in the meantime had taken \$35 to the hospital for an operation and the inquiry was investigated by clerks. They suspected that there were irregularities and an investigation was made and the indictments resulted. Allen has entered a plea of guilty to a charge against him and will be a witness for the state against Goucher.

Operate Again on Nebraska Woman in Motor Wreck

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Destree, Neb., Nov. 23.—Mrs. L. E. Steenblock of Odell, Neb., who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Cedar Rapids, Ia., which caused the death of her husband, has undergone a second operation there in the hope of saving her life. Mr. Steenblock was assistant cashier of the Hinds State bank of Odell, and the two had gone to Iowa to visit with relatives when they met with the fatal accident.

Farmers Delay Planting Wheat to Avoid Hessian Fly

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 23.—About 75 per cent of the farmers of this county delayed planting of wheat until September last year to escape the ravages of the Hessian fly in the fields. This delay to the fly-free date was the result of a vigorous campaign carried on by Leo Thompson, agricultural agent, and a fleet of about 1000 cases of fly traps. Damage from the fly is observed in some of the fields in which there was early planting.

Columbus School Operetta Draws Record Attendance

Columbus, Neb., Nov. 23.—A school operetta given by pupils of the Fourth ward school here set a new attendance record with 1,600 people and gate receipts of \$260.40 at the North theater, when the "Windmills of Holland" was presented. The money will be used to buy pianos for school rooms.

Goucher Jury Completed

North Platte, Neb., Nov. 23.—A jury to hear the evidence in the trial of Carl M. Goucher of Omaha, charged with aiding and abetting former County Clerk Arthur S. Allen, with forging county warrants, was completed at noon today, and opening statements by the attorneys were under way this afternoon.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., November 23, 1923.

Temperature: Highest, 47; lowest, 32; mean, 42; normal, 35.

Total excess since January 1, 228.

Relative Humidity, Percentage.

Pre-precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.

Total, since January 1, 30.24

Inches, over 100.

Hourly Temperatures.

8 A. M.	38	9 A. M.	38	10 A. M.	38
11 A. M.	38	12 M.	38	1 P. M.	38
2 P. M.	38	3 P. M.	38	4 P. M.	38
5 P. M.	38	6 P. M.	38	7 P. M.	38
8 P. M.	38	9 P. M.	38	10 P. M.	38
11 P. M.	38	Midnight	38	1 A. M.	38
2 A. M.	38	3 A. M.	38	4 A. M.	38
5 A. M.	38	6 A. M.	38	7 A. M.	38